

upon the Senate. We can only give the gentleman further advice as we know more.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY).

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, May 14, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the will of this House that every mother in America have a wonderful weekend.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

#### GOOD-BYE TO FRIEND JENNIFER BYLER AND HER DAUGHTER SARAH

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today we say good-bye to a great lady of Virginia, my friend Jen-

nifer Byler, a community leader and a dedicated wife and mother. Jennifer and her 9-year-old daughter Sarah perished in a tragic boating accident on the Chesapeake Bay this past weekend. The sailboat they were traveling in capsized in high winds and Jennifer, her daughter Sarah, and brother and sister-in-law John and Nan Curtis were left to the seas for nearly 15 hours.

John and Nan are recovering and I thank them, especially John, for his valiant efforts to swim to shore with boat in tow.

Jennifer Byler was a dedicated member of the Virginia Board of Education, fighting for the best interests of our children and working to improve public education in our area. She will be sorely missed.

In this time of tragedy and loss, my prayers are with Jennifer's husband Gary, to her children, Georgia Cate, 7, Emma Grace, 6, and Jonathan Levi, 4, and the great Commonwealth of Virginia for our collective loss.

#### IF WE KNEW HOW GREAT GRANDPARENTING WAS WE MIGHT HAVE SKIPPED THE KIDS

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my very special pleasure to rise today and celebrate the birth of Henry Sloane Davis. Many of us have heard the expression that if we knew how great grandparenting was, we might have skipped the kids.

I certainly enjoy my children and it is wonderful being a mother-in-law, but I can assure everyone, and many in the audience know this, that holding one's grandchild for the first time is just a phenomenal experience.

I know that I came here to Congress to make the world a better place, and there is nothing that will rededicate, I think, one's efforts to that than the birth of a grandchild.

I want to thank my many colleagues who have perhaps suffered through all the pictures that I have been showing them. We are really very human here, and I am thankful when we have these special events in our lives and people respond as warmly as they have to me. I then know that we all are focused on the right things. Whenever we vote, we want to be thinking about how that vote will affect the lives of our children, our grandchildren, and their children.

I am thankful, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to celebrate Henry's birth.

#### FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS ARE STILL A HALLMARK OF DEMOCRACY

(Mr. HYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, free and fair elections are still a hallmark of democracy. Those countries which still harbor Communist regimes can look with envy upon Italy, where within 7 days the electorate will choose its national leadership in a free and fair election.

I would like to congratulate in advance all those who worked so hard to make democracy in Italy a reality.

#### FRED WILlich, OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESSMAN FROM KANSAS

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, as we observe the National Small Business Week, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding small businessman from Kansas.

Fred Willich is the founder and president of an interior design company in Manhattan, Kansas, called Hi-Tech Interiors. Fred has exemplified the true character of an entrepreneur. When he started his business, Fred utilized Kansas State University's Small Business Development Center as a resource in his community. Then Fred gave back to his community in times that were difficult.

Because of this, Fred has been named the Kansas Small Businessman for the year 2001.

Our country was founded by entrepreneurs who believed in hard work, creativity, and the free enterprise system.

Fred has built on this American spirit of success through his ownership of an American small business. He should be a role model for all of us.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAM K. HURT, SMALL BUSINESS WEEK'S WINNER IN COLORADO

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, as the previous speaker just said, this week small business owners are recognized for their personal achievements and outstanding contributions to our communities.

Small businesses across America employ more than half of the country's private workforce. The contributions of small businesses impact our Nation's economy greatly, and small business owners deserve to be commended for their personal achievements as well as their contribution to society.

William K. Hurt, the owner of Shields Real Estate, is Colorado's Small Business Week State Winner. Mr. Hurt is a deserving winner as he continues to make a significant contribution to our community and our economy.